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Selection committee picked

By KIM DESPINS

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents appointed an 18-member committee Saturday to select candidates for the university's next president.

Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo will co-chair the search committee with Rob Raun of Minden. O'Brien said she expects this presidential search to go more smoothly than the last.

"It is impossible in my view," she said, "for what happened last time to happen this time."

In the last presidential search, all four finalists selected by the search committee dropped out after University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Martin A. Massengale was added to the list of candidates.

Massengale was named president in January 1991. Last January Massengale announced his decision to step down when his three-year contract expires in January 1994. Massengale has agreed to remain president until a replacement is found. After his term as president, Massengale will serve as an agronomy professor at UNL.

O'Brien said the search committee plans to meet in May. If all goes according to schedule, she said, the search committee should name its finalists at the end of 1993.

The following are members of the search committee:

Co-chairmen — Regent Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo (a non-voting member) and Rob Raun of Minden, president of the Nebraska Ag Relations Council.

Community members — John Haessler of Lincoln, president of Woodmen Accident and Life; Charlene Miller of Grand Island, chair of College Park Committee; Gates Minnick of Lincoln, city councilman; Leland Olson of

Omaha, physician; Robert Phares of North Platte, life insurance executive.

NU administrators — Leo Jones, executive vice president and provost of NU system; Graham Spanier, chancellor of UNL; Barbara Snyder, Nebraska-Kearney vice chancellor for student services; Clarence Ueda, dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy; Dave Hinton, dean of UNO College of Public Affairs.

Faculty members — Sally Wise, director of UNL law library; Annabell Zikmund, assistant professor of music at UNK; James Armitage, chair of Med Center internal medicine department; William Petrowski, chair of UNO history department.

NU Foundation — President Terry Fairfield.
Student member — Stephen Thew, Med Center.

In other business:

• The NU Board of Regents approved an increase in student fees at UNO.

The fees for Fund B will increase 2 percent next fall from \$50 to \$51. The higher fee will cover increases in the Student Center fee and a co-curricular fee. Each one will receive 50 cents of the increase, which will go into effect July 1, 1993.

Students at the Medical Center will see their student fees increase 9.7 percent from \$72 a semester to \$79.

The increase will cover additional salaries and operating costs in student health and counseling services.

• The Board of Regents approved a firm to design an addition to the Engineering Building at UNO. The Leo A. Daly Co. was selected to design the addition, which will provide 3,800 square feet. UNL is funding the \$250,000 project.



Bringing it to the people

—ELIZABETH TAPP
Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks to a Lincoln audience Friday about health care issues. See story, page 2.

Morgan cites his record in speech

By DAVE BORYCA

Mayor P.J. Morgan demonstrated his accessibility to the public by giving a speech Friday in the Gallery Room in the Milo Bail Student Center.

"We just can't follow elected officials blindly," Morgan said. "The public has to hold all of us accountable and make sure there are some results."

Morgan said he was there to answer questions and provide information about himself.

"I don't want to sound boastful," Morgan said, "but I am proud of being involved in community service almost all my life."

His community service includes work with the Cerebral Palsy Institute, the American Cancer Society and education programs across the city.

"All of us are here a short time and it is important to give something back," Morgan said. "The life of mayor can be a real rewarding one."

Morgan also talked about how some political motives are not the proper ones.

"Not all things in politics are done for the right reasons," Morgan said. "If they were done for the right reasons, we'd have success. It seems that too soon after a politician is elected, he forgets about his promises. That's why the public cannot take anything for granted."

Opening the floor to questions, Morgan responded to voter apathy.

"We had a low turnout rate for the presidential election," Morgan said. "I think the number was about 16 percent of the Omaha population. It could mean a lot of things. Some people feel that it doesn't matter who we vote; that everyone's all the same. Other people simply don't realize what their vote can do."

The mayor answered questions about the recent rise in domestic and gang violence in Omaha.

Chavez passes the gavel

By ELIZABETH MERRILL



—ED CARLSON
Tim Chavez, speaker of Student Senate, will leave for Officer Training School next month.

When he first opened the desk drawers in his new office in Student Government, Tim Chavez found a flyer on breast cancer awareness and a pair of pants.

Both the flyer and the pants weren't his, but the findings were an introduction to an "interesting" six months as speaker of the Student Senate.

"It's been very interesting," he said. "It's been a good learning experience."

Chavez, who is being re-assigned by the Air Force, will give up the gavel at Thursday's Senate meeting. He will leave UNO and head to San Antonio, Texas, in May to attend Officer Training School, an honor bestowed on only 350 Air Force members this year.

"I'm really excited to get it," he said.

Traveling the globe is nothing new to Chavez.

He was born in Albuquerque, N.M., then moved to the jungles of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, when he was 10 years old. He then went back to New Mexico to attend New Mexico State, joined the Air Force, and was sent to Omaha.

"My first winter here was quite an experience," he said. "I walked out of my dorm room one day and my nostrils froze together, and I thought, 'My God, what am I doing here?'"

It didn't take Chavez long to find an identity at UNO, as he joined the Student Senate in the Fall of 1991, extending a political record that dates back to the seventh grade when he was involved in the Student Council.

"It's in my blood," he said.

Chavez said one of the reasons he was chosen as speaker last year is because of his neutrality.

"I don't let the issues or political plays cloud my judgment," he said. "I look at what will benefit the students."

"I don't have any hidden agenda. When I was approached

Hillary Clinton eyes challenge

By ELIZABETH TAPE

Hillary Rodham Clinton was in Lincoln Friday to speak at a two-day conference, "Health Care in the 21st Century: National Challenges, Nebraska Solutions."

The symposium attracted more than 20 speakers and 930 participants and was sponsored by the Columbia Institute, a bi-partisan, non-profit organization which holds seminars around the nation. Sen. Bob Kerrey and Gov. Ben Nelson co-chaired the event.

Nelson welcomed the audience and noted the wide range of individuals whose input is important to the issue of health care reform.

Kerrey talked about the overwhelming challenges the country faces dealing with rising health care costs, noting that a large part of the nation's gross domestic product pays for health care. He spoke about the necessity for change, saying "the status quo is too expensive."

To accommodate the large number of people wanting to hear Mrs. Clinton's speech, the early afternoon session of the conference was moved from Kimball Hall to the Lied Center. An audience of more than 2,000 heard the first lady's speech.

After an introduction by Kerrey, Mrs. Clinton began by focusing on the benefits of the current health care system.

"A lot is right about our health care system," she said making references to its "accomplishments and achievements. We have among the best health care in the entire world and in many respects, the very best."

Mrs. Clinton addressed some of the problems facing the health care system, saying, Americans no longer has the personal security it once had with

quality health care.

"Instead, what we find is not only skyrocketing costs, but the effects of those costs," she said. "We find the growing numbers of people who work hard for a living who do not have access to health care. We find that more than 100,000 Americans move into the ranks of the uninsured each month."

Mrs. Clinton shared some of her experiences during her trips around the country on behalf of the Health Care Task Force. "It is very hard to explain to a group of working people why they, who had worked for the same employer, some of them for 20 or 30 years, did not have insurance, could not afford it, for them or their families, but lived down the block from people who were poor enough and not working that they were eligible for Medicaid."

Mrs. Clinton estimated between 37 million and 40 million Americans are without health insurance. She also said there are about 22 million more Americans whose insurance does not cover catastrophic illness or accidents.

Large businesses have also been affected by this problem, Mrs. Clinton said, citing an example.

"In 1990, General Motors spent \$3.2 billion in medical coverage for its 1.9 million employees and retirees, more money than the company spent on steel to build new cars."

Talking about the effect on the government, Mrs. Clinton said, "Costs of health care are the primary reason behind the increase in the government deficit."

The consequences of this situation, if left unchecked, would be substantial, she said. "We are likely to see that in seven years, almost \$1 out of every \$5 earned by Americans will go to health care spending and more than half of the increase in federal revenues we hope to see in the next four

years because of economic growth will be absorbed by health care cost increases. If we do not deal with the costs of health care in the federal and the state and the local government budgets, we will bankrupt cities and counties and states."

The goals of the Task Force, Mrs. Clinton said, include looking for solutions and eliciting opinions from many in the health care field. The Task Force, she said, is looking for a "comprehensive approach to try to reform the health care system and put it on a sound financial footing for the future."

One area the Task Force wants to make improvements in is administration.

"We believe there is money to be saved in ridding the system of unnecessary paperwork and bureaucracy and red tape and micro-management that has stood in the way of delivering health care," she said.

Also important, Mrs. Clinton said, would be changing existing laws to encourage hospitals to work together toward sharing resources.

To tend to the preventative and primary health care needs of Americans, she said, a higher percentage of primary care physicians must be encouraged, especially in light of the fact, she noted, that only 15 percent of current medical school students, are planning to provide such care.

About the system that will be recommended, Mrs. Clinton said, "We hope it will not change much about how you actually access and receive medical care. We do hope that you will have a card which is your passport to health care in America."

In conclusion, Mrs. Clinton referred to comprehensive health care reform as "an incredible challenge and an opportunity for our country," saying change would not be easy or happen overnight.

News Clips

Workshop on self-defense to be held

"Campus Crime and Self-Defense" and "Personal Defense Strategies" will be presented Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Center State Room.

The campus crime presentation will be given by the Public Relations Student Society of America. Dennis and Dan Clark, with 16 years of law enforcement experience combined, will present the personal defense strategies.

These two presentations are being held in conjunction with Alcohol Awareness Month.

Family day at Joslyn to provide adventure

Families can spend an adventurous day at Joslyn Art Museum during the museum's annual Family Day, Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Day is a free afternoon at the museum giving children the opportunity to participate in hands-on art activities and see a variety of performances and art demonstrations.

Hands-on activities include relief print or printmaking, fantastic faces by creating masks from construction paper and itty-bitty creatures from ink thumb prints. A scavenger hunt is also scheduled.

Some of the performances include The Central High Gospel Choir, magician Walter Graham, the Grace Handbell Ringers, the Morris Dancers and the Emmy Gifford Children's Theater.

For more information, call Joslyn at 342-3300.

Prevention of osteoporosis topic of seminar

"Exercise and Osteoporosis" will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Health and Physical Education Building, Room 102.

The session will examine if exercise can help prevent osteoporosis and which types of exercise are most effective.

JoAnn M. Eickhoff-Shemek, MPE, will lead the session. She will describe the results of her research done on women who trained with weights for one year and discuss applications of the findings.

The event is sponsored by the UNO Fitness Center.

Sandoz the featured author for series

"Slogum House" by Mari Sandoz is the topic of discussion at the UNO Author Series today at noon in the Student Center Gallery Room.

Dr. Barbara Rippey and Dr. Darrel Bergare the speakers for this event.

Presentation to help decide guilt or innocence

David Rice and Ed Poindexter are serving life sentences for the 1970 murder of an Omaha policeman. Many people in Omaha and around the world are convinced that Rice and Poindexter are innocent.

Find out why on Wednesday in the Student Center Omaha Room, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. UNO Student Democrats will present a 30 minute B.B.C. documentary and interviews regarding the case. Literature will also be available.

Too much excitement

Jake Kuebler, exhausted after watching his sister Maggi, back left, play in a volleyball tournament Sunday, takes a cat-nap while his mother Mimi keeps an eye on him. The Great Plains Junior Olympic Regional Championships, which featured 32 teams and approximately 325 athletes, was held in the Fieldhouse.

—Ed Carlson



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"It certainly is a sad situation," Morgan said. "Most of the homicides this year were domestic, and you want to try to get those through an increase in family values. I've sat down with several factions and groups each month to try to make Omaha an abuse-free community."

According to Morgan, gang violence has decreased 40 to 90 percent since last year in every category such as drive-by shootings, theft and juvenile misdemeanors.

"Seventy percent of those committing these crimes are under the influence of drugs or alcohol," Morgan said. "It's an element we need to get rid of. We have been successful in the past year, however, and have even had other cities contacting us to learn about the programs we've instituted."

Morgan cited the D.A.R.E. program, youth talent shows, and youth summer employment and volunteer programs as those which have been

successful.

"Last summer, we signed up about 1,500 to 1,600 youths for employment and placed over 150 youths in volunteer programs," Morgan said. "We've also had several youth advisors form talent shows at the local high schools. Some have worked, some have not."

Morgan said he was optimistic about the future. He said he was working on a plan to bring hundreds of new jobs to Omaha, but cautioned he could not make any guarantees. Morgan said "streamlining" city government would help Omaha. The most important thing to help Omaha, the mayor said, was for young people to have a greater interest in politics.

If you work at it, you can make a difference," Morgan said. "You have to have hope for the future, and this (UNO) is a good place to instill that feeling of hope."

Letters

Senate meeting a 'circus' of prejudice

Dear Editor:

I have been alarmed by the actions of Annette Crowder, the director of AMS, and the others in her agency who formed a mob at the last Student Senate meeting. Their accusations of Sen. Peterson lacked any credibility whatsoever. Just because Sen. Peterson disagrees with AMS on an issue, it doesn't make him a racist or a bigot. On the contrary, if accusations are to be made, the charge of prejudice and insensitivity should be leveled against AMS and those who were a part of the mob at the last Senate meeting. According to Webster's Dictionary, "prejudice" is defined as "an opinion formed before the facts are known." Maybe the tragedy of the last meeting could have been avoided if Ms. Crowder had tried to speak with Sen. Peterson and discuss, like adults, their differences on this matter. Unfortunately, though, the AMS director tried to verbally "lynch" Sen. Peterson and turn the Senate floor into a circus.

It's ironic that those who want others to be sensitive to their ideals and beliefs are not sensitive to others who have differences in opinion. Where was AMS's sensitivity to

Sen. Peterson's beliefs?

The "political correctness" movement is alive and well at UNO and it's unfortunate that those who have differences in opinion face the wrath of those like Director Crowder and fear being called a racist. I truly feel sorry for her and the mob that follows her blindly. I wish one day they would read the Constitution of this country. Maybe they would find their right of free speech in the document and realize the error in judgement.

Mike Kennedy
UNO student senator

Evaluation form 'inefficient' for needs

Dear Editor:

It is obvious that UNO's student population is growing. With this growth comes problems and ultimately change; however, change is not occurring. Perhaps change could start with a rehash of the teacher evaluation form, which is currently inefficient. The general questionnaire is for students to fill out about their classroom learning experience. The "scantron-ballot" is peppered with such demographic questions as "What grade do you expect in this course?" (#12); nevertheless, it

does contain the most constructive questions such as, "On a scale of 1 - 5, did your instructor stimulate your thinking?" (#1).

The current procedure should be re-evaluated with a clearer, more constructive use in mind. Perhaps each college could write their own form, using criteria that would most benefit their instructors and situations. Perhaps the administration could dictate a rule that does not allow teachers to hand out evaluations during finals week, giving the student a more relaxed atmosphere to fill out the evaluation. Finally, the instructors should be given almost immediate access to the evaluations. They currently receive the evaluations several months later, and instructors should be encouraged to use the evaluation as teaching tools.

The teacher evaluation is the one form that all students should feel comfortable filling out. We can only reap from the benefits of an efficient form.

Daniel Morris
UNO student

All God wants is for us to be happy

Dear Editor:

This letter is a reply to Stephen McIntyre's


column "Biblical law and society don't mix," (Gateway, April 13).

McIntyre said that "if we're not going to heed God's other laws, why should we pay attention to this one?" He cited some of God's other laws that are not followed today. He was comparing the validity of these laws with the law forbidding homosexual practices.

McIntyre's premise that these laws are on the same level is wrong. In consulting with priests and others with Biblical backgrounds, I've found there are two types, or categories, of laws. The first is divine law, also called natural law, and the second in common law. Divine law was valid then, is valid now, and will be valid in the future. The law stating that homosexuality is wrong is of this type. Common laws are given to certain peoples during certain moments in history. They can change. All the laws stated by McIntyre to compare to homosexuality being wrong is of this type.

All laws given to us by God, especially the natural laws, were given to make us happy. That's what God wants for us the most, for all eternity. And concerning the Bible, that's probably why "more people don't give it up." They are finding happiness in following God's laws.

Carl J. Zoucha
UNO student



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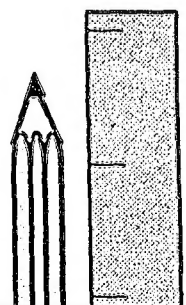
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Opinions and Viewpoints

It's the argument, not the person

Reading about the commotion in the Student Senate takes me back to last year's presidential campaign. Recall for a moment the week when then-Vice President Dan Quayle stood behind a podium and on national television made a comment concerning Murphy Brown and single motherhood.

What a brouhaha he stirred up. The evening news made his comment a top story, the editorial pages were filled with praise and vile for him and groups representing everyone from minorities to single mothers to day-care centers were critical of him. All were asking the same question: "How can that happily-married white conservative Republican Anglo-Saxon Protestant father criticize women who happen to be single with children?" Never mind that Dan Quayle may have been right, all that mattered was who he was and what he believed.

Student Sen. Justin Peterson seems to be in the same boat over a letter by him printed in the April 6 *Gateway*. He criticized a Senate vote which granted \$1700 to the American Multicultural Students (AMS) for a trip. He also mentioned how he offered an

STEPHEN MCINTYRE
columnist

alternative plan where the cost of the trip could have been cut in half. Additionally, he claimed the AMS "cried racism" to force the Senate to knuckle under and to make sure the group received what it originally wanted.

AMS and others were not going to take this lying down. Garie Crowder, vice president of the African American Organization, fired off a letter to the editor of the *Gateway* in response to Peterson's remarks. He wanted to express concern over the senator's singling himself out "as the focal point of resistance on issues dealing with groups labelled as 'minorities'."

Annette Crowder, director of AMS, also expressed concern when she took the floor in a recent Senate meeting to explain her feelings about "racial attitudes" in the Senate. She then gave the floor to Anneliese Cawthon, director of UNO's Multicultural Affairs, who offered her thoughts on Mr. Peterson and his letter: "The (letter) was very disturbing ... even though there is not a direct racial slur, there are direct undertones of racism ... we should not have to come to these meetings and be constantly reminded that we are black. We are constantly bombarded by racism."

Later, in the Senate's private session, Crowder added, "The undertones of Peterson's letter were directed as a call of action against minorities. He is biased and has admitted to me that there are things he doesn't understand about minorities."

Whether Mr. Peterson is biased and bigoted is none of my concern — to each his own thoughts, as the pundits say. But do these thoughts he is accused of having make the argument over the cost of the trip less legitimate?

Let's look at the facts: \$1700 is to be given to AMS for airfare, room, and board for a trip for three students to Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Peterson has said that if the students were to drive there, they could possibly save \$800, although it would take them longer to arrive (an estimated 18 hours of travel time there.) So far so good.

In response to that, Garie Crowder and Jennifer Newhouse, student president/regent, voiced similar concerns when asking whether students should "miss classes and ignore their education," as Ms. Newhouse put it, to pursue the learning experience in multicultural activities. Also, Mr. Crowder would have Peterson consider the cost in additional lodging and meals, the amount of driving fatigue, and the overall safety of the students. All of these concerns are duly noted.

However, when these reasons for giving the \$1700 are scrutinized, they really don't hold up. For instance, though the cost of food may go up, I truly doubt the amount will come to \$800. I used to travel across the country all of the time with my parents, and what we'd do is buy food for the trip and live on that until we got to our destination.

We didn't need extra money for lodging as we would take turns driving and napping. Why couldn't AMS do the same? By only driving three to six hours at a time and taking turns, you would easily take care of lodging and driving fatigue. Personally, I would feel safer driving my own automobile instead of putting my life into the pilot's hands.

Lastly, the argument about the missed classes. Do those who put forth this argument really think teachers wouldn't understand enough to let the students go, or that friends of theirs wouldn't lend them class notes? At the same time, who is forcing them to go? I'm sure the students will adapt if only given \$900 or \$1000, but with friends like theirs, why should they?

Mr. Peterson looks to me to be on the right track. Should it matter what his views are if he's right?



A tale of spring cleaning

January 12, 1993.

It was the start of the new semester at the *Gateway*. The birds were singing, the bells were ringing and the computers were priming for the first deadline of the semester.

Staff members, filled with excitement of the new beginning, picked up the semester's worth of rubble that invaded Annex 26 during the fall semester. Even the editor, whose office resembled a nuclear waste site, decided to join in on the fun and clean out her office.

"Wow, I have wood floors," she exclaimed.

And with everything sparkling for the next day's deadline, the staff went happily home. Then, some time during the evening, a KABOOM resounded throughout the editor's office, and the ceiling that once graced a Jim Morrison poster came tumbling down.

Plaster and bits of slime filled the once-clean wood floors, causing a stench strong enough to make a car freshener jump its string.

The culprit was a faulty toilet from the upstairs offices

of Criminal Justice (we're not blaming you guys) that leaked and leaked until the plaster buckled under the pressure.

No problem, we thought. One simple call to the maintenance guys and we'll have it fixed in a jiffy.

Someone with tools came out, lickety-split, and stopped the toilet from spewing out its contents. Great, we thought,

now all they have to do is patch up the asbestos-filled ceiling, which is halfway on the floor. (At least it looks like asbestos.)

But nobody came to fix

the ceiling.

Another call to maintenance was placed. And another. And another. Months went past. And today, the flaking ceiling is still unrepaired.

Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of cleaning out the *Gateway*'s portion of Annex 26 probably has plenty of stories to tell you. Stories about how they had to wear gloves and masks, or stories on how they made it out alive.

But the fact of the matter is, if you stick a pig in mud, it's obviously going to wallow in it.

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by others (about becoming speaker), I didn't think of it as a stepping stone. I thought that I could do the job, and I wanted to do the job." One of the toughest days of his job came last week when the Senate meeting erupted into heated debate between Sen. Justin Peterson and members of the American Multicultural Students (AMS) over the AMS

trip to Atlanta. "The last meeting was the first time I felt totally out of control," Chavez said. "There were accusations, tension, people not knowing and not following procedure." Chavez said he hoped the people involved would take another look at the situation. "I hope that a lot of people that have

become very sensitive might take a step backward and re-evaluate the situation," he said. One of the high moments of the year, he said, was the completion of Student Government's constitution and bylaws, a task which took the Rules Committee over 150 hours to rewrite.

"If the Senate supports these new governing documents, it would be a positive step." Through the highs and lows, Chavez said his experience in Student Government has been a positive experience. "I've learned a heck of a lot and I appreciate that," he said. "I encourage other people to get involved."

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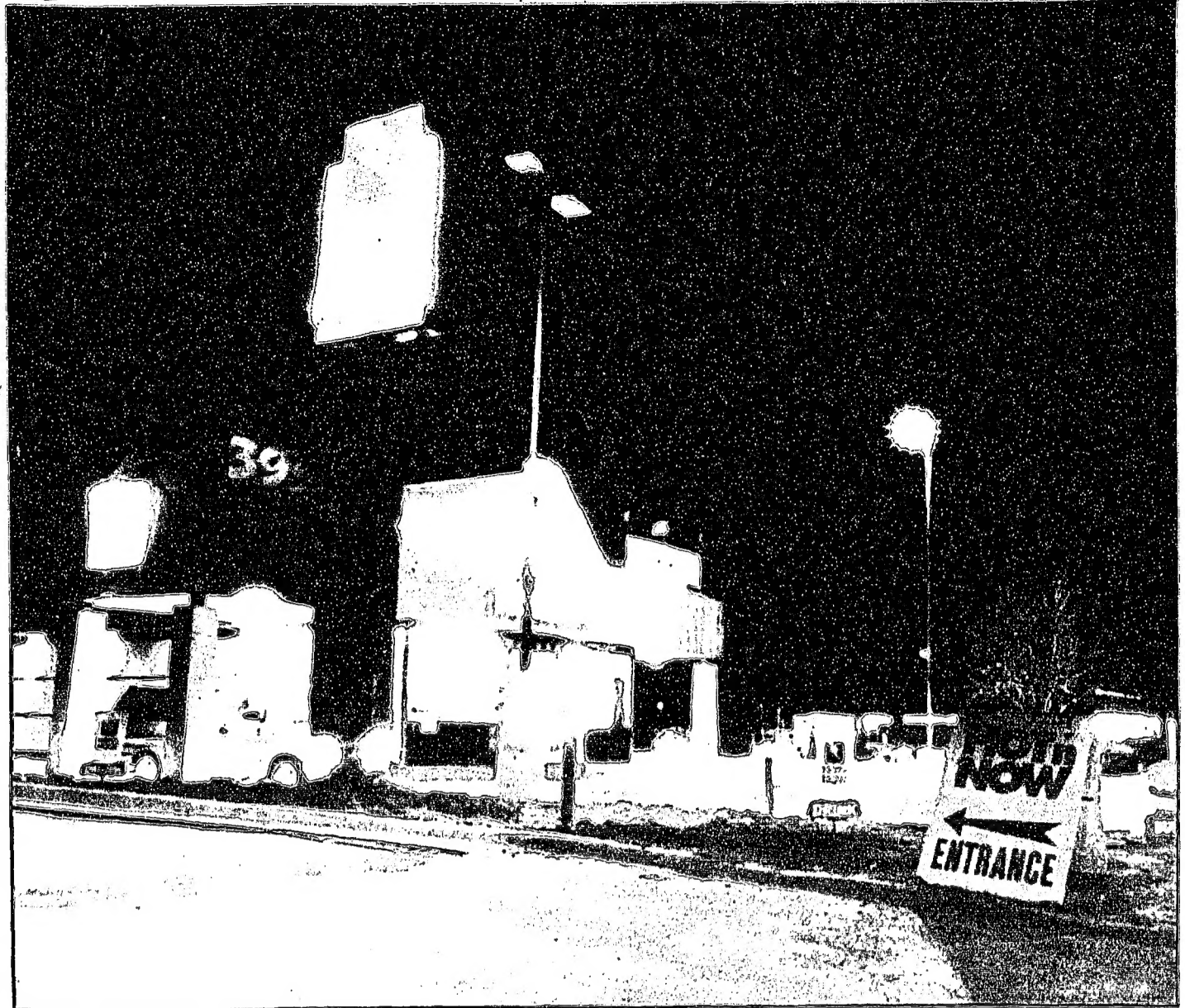
review by dave boryca

purple, red and yellow with the lightning bolt insignia appearing in a frequency which would make Zeus proud to be an American.

The wild look in the cashier's eyes as she took the money (with readied change) added further to my discomfort. With trembling hands she gave us ... no ... bestowed upon our humble presence, the bag of requested food. It was with no surprise that I perceived a yellow lightning bolt upon a field of purple adorning its recyclable surface.

Like any other guy, I could not help but stealthily pick a lone french fry out of the emblazoned sack as we pulled away from the oasis of light. And I tasted upon it; and it was good. Crisp, not too salty, but not bland, with a great potato-rific taste. I must have hesitated too long, however, before harvesting another fry (I think I blinked), for it was suddenly bad. Chalking it up to the winds of fate, I patiently waited to arrive at work before journeying farther into the realm of HotnNow.

Upon arriving, my companions and I laid out the spoils of our journey with obvious pride. Upon the banquet table lay the triple delights of a double cheeseburger, chicken sandwich and specialty sandwich, the olive burger. Greedily, I



Lightning bolts and neon adorn the HotnNow, which is celebrating openings in Omaha and Council Bluffs.

—ed carlton

snatched up the double cheeseburger in preparation of a new experience.

It was new all right, if you've never eaten at a bar. They should have called the place "Greased Lightning" and had animal fats dripping off its mascot phenomenon of nature. But I happened to like all these things and found the burger, with a little help from its condiment friends, to be pleasing to the palate. One plus was that they were not stingy with the cheese.

The shared chicken sandwich was an experience of opposites. The filet was decent sized and was not breaded so heavily that it

would float away. The mayonnaise, however, was maybe a little too liberally (wear your raincoat) applied. The most unusual facet of the HotnNow chicken sandwich, though, was the pepper. Oh, did I say pepper? I mean, PEPPER! After one bite it felt like I just cleaned up Mt. Vesuvius with my tongue. I can take hot and spicy with the best of them, but I didn't anticipate the use of my mouth as a nuclear test sight.

And finally, the olive burger. I've never been to Greece or Italy or wherever they grow green olives, and after eating the olive burger, I really don't even want to visit. If

you like green olives, then this burger is for you. If you only "kind of" like them, then you "kind of" might want to avoid this sandwich.

Although this review may seem a little scalding, the food at HotnNow is actually pretty good, especially if you're strapped for cash. HotnNow is dirt cheap. Hamburgers and fries run about 39 cents. The specialty sandwiches and double cheeseburgers go for about a buck and slightly over. So if you're tired of tacos and the pizza is sounding a little too expensive, give HotnNow a try.

SPO sponsors week of activities

Spring Surprise offers chance to relax

By LORI SHONKWILER

Student Programming Organization (SPO) and Greek Activities are hoping for sunny skies for the Spring Surprise celebration April 19 through 24.

The week-long event will provide students with comedians, music, games, food and an opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves before finals. Calendar events include: Fat Tuesday Buffet, Olympic Games, comedian Brad Stein, A Bash at Castle Barrett and the film "Reservoir Dogs."

Today, SPO features a Fat Tuesday Buffet outside the Student Center on the south side from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SPO hopes students can enjoy the weather while listening to reggae music and tasting Cajun cuisine, said Angie Overby, an SPO Festival's Committee member. Campus Food Services will provide a sampler platter of ribs, corn bread and red beans and rice for \$1.25.

"There's no Mardi Gras here, so we thought we'd create our own," Overby said.

Activities will continue Wednesday from noon until 2 p.m. with the Olympic Games. Teams will participate in chariot and bat races as well as pudding contests and the grand finale.

The Chariot Race is for the lazy team member because

they will be carried around designated boundaries and back to the finish line, Overby said. Appropriate chariot riding attire will be provided.

In The Bat Race, contestants run to the midpoint, spin their body around the bat while keeping it pressed to their foreheads as well as the ground, and run back to the finish line.

The Pudding Contest is the traditional no-hands race for the first to devour a container of pudding. Napkins will be provided.

The Grand Finale includes special events which will determine the winning team although the details of this activity are being kept secret.

All students and faculty members are encouraged to register their team of four for some not-so-serious competition. Winning teams will receive prizes.

Team registration is available at the SPO office on the second floor of the Student Center.

"As many teams as possible will be accepted," Overby said.

Channel Seven's sportscaster Greg Peterson has accepted an invitation to participate in the relay races for his "I Challenge Greg" feature segment.

On Thursday, Brad Stine, a nationally known comedian,

will perform in the Student Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stine is famous for his unique style which uses magic tricks and improvisation.

"He's got some tricks up his sleeve," Overby said.

SPO members saw his performance earlier this year at the National Association of College Activities (NACA) Convention and were able to book him for the event.

According to Overby, SPO is bringing in top comedians, some with NACA awards for their performances.

Friday's activities include a concert from classical guitarist Marc Regnier at 8 p.m. in Strauss Performing Arts Center. At 9 p.m. the entertainment will continue with A Bash at Castle Barrett, located at 43rd and Leavenworth, until 1 a.m.

Transportation will not be provided from UNO. There is a \$3 cover charge. The bash, sponsored by Pepsi, is open to all college students and all-ages.

Saturday will conclude the Spring Surprise by offering the film "Reservoir Dogs" at the Eppley Administration Building at 7 p.m. This will be the last movie showing due to the elimination of the SPO Films Department.

"I would like to see UNO students come to the events and have a good time," said Overby.

"We hope to make it successful."

Ginsberg 'mesmerizes' Lincoln crowd

REVIEW BY ERIC JOHNSON

Allen Ginsberg picked up where he left off over 26 years ago Saturday night in Lincoln. His appearance was the highlight of some local benefits for the Nyaro Khanstan Monastery in India which were organized by Jewel Heart, an organization dedicated to the preservation and practice of Tibetan Buddhism. Ginsberg's reading was a response to a request by Jewel Heart's spiritual director, Gelek Rinpoche, one of the poet's close friends.

After a brief introduction which recalled some of Ginsberg's exploits during his last visit, the poet arrived, looking very much like a professor in a blue suit and tie. He perched himself on an oversized and ornate metal chair that was very throne-like and stared down at his polished black shoes for a few seconds. After expressing his appreciation for the attendance of younger members of the audience, he briefly explained the evening's program.

Before getting into his poetry, Ginsberg sang William Blake's poem "Tiger" accompanied by a box accordion that sat on his lap. His feet hopped and his head bobbed like it

was on a spring as he pumped the accordion and worked into his own "Meditation Rock."

With the songs done, the poet settled down to the task of reading. He recalled his last trip to the "remote outpost" of Lincoln in the back of a Volkswagen. He was invited by Students For A Democratic Society, and Ginsberg remembered that America's rejection of the Vietnam conflict was just beginning. He began with a Sutra of "general American recollections" that he read in 1966 and followed with another Sutra written on the way home, a lengthy outpouring about Vietnam and the irony of a future in the Army and death.

As the poem went on, Ginsberg folded his large paperback book in half in order to gesture with his hands. He began shouting out the names of Buddhist gods and included the cry of "I declare the end of the war!"

Ginsberg then moved on with a poem about the death of "secret closet queen" J. Edgar Hoover and a series of works called "Don't Grow Old" that recalled his father Louis Ginsberg, who was also a poet.

The aging son recalled reading the works of Poe, Shelley and Whitman as a child. He also remembered giving readings with his

father during the '60s and touring Europe with him. The final part of "Don't Grow Old" was a song called "Father Death Blues" that was accompanied by accordion.

Clicking out a beat with some wooden sticks, Ginsberg finished the first hour with another song called "Put Down Your Cigarette Rag." It was a fast-paced repetition of words like "don't smoke" and "dope." The final idea was "don't smoke the official dope", meaning cigarettes, which Ginsberg said were the "spikes in Jessie Helm's coffin." Before leaving for intermission, the poet gave the order, "At Ease."

"If anybody doesn't know we've started, I'll ring a bell," the poet said after intermission and slowly rang some cymbals for about a minute. He began again with a "country and western" song about Buddhism and Dharma, then invited Gelek Rinpoche to the stage for some Buddhist discussion.

Rinpoche explained that he had left Tibet in 1959 and that he was responsible for the monks at Nyaro Khanstan Monastery. He said the benefit was to put a "simple roof" over the heads of the ever-growing number of Tibetan exiles there.

Ginsberg posed the problem of desire interfering with reincarnation.

"I'm sure my last vision on my death bed will be of a 17 year-old boy. What do we do with that desire?" the poet asked.

Rinpoche quickly replied, "We've been having this discussion for a number of years," before explaining how to solve the problem of desire in the Buddhist way.

Ginsberg then went back into his poetry and read some short works that were fairly recent. Poems like "Moral Majority" dealt with Jerry Fallwell and "The Big Parade" with the after effects of Desert Storm. He also read some haikus twice "because they go by fast."

"I'll finish with Blake as I began with Blake," Ginsberg stated and sang "My Pretty Rose Tree."

The poet had mesmerized everyone, and they gave him a standing ovation as he made a final curtain call. His energy and wit are unmatched by any modern performer and this performance, in my mind, cemented his status as a premier American icon. This country will never see another poet like Allen Ginsberg.

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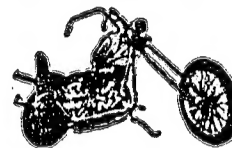
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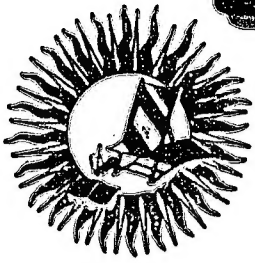


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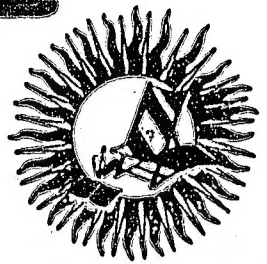
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BRAD STINE • Biography

Experiencing Brad Stine's show is like being in the middle of a hurricane, tornado, and earthquake, all at once. He is one of the most exciting comedians working today. Born and raised in Northern Indiana, this brilliant comedian's career began at the age of 18 as a slight of hand magician, performing at major hotels and restaurants all over Southern California.

As a magician, Brad's comedy talent began to emerge in a very unique and unorthodox style. This "comedy edge" increasingly became the highlight of his shows. In 1986, Brad began his on-stage career with a comedy pick-pocket show. His incredible ability to tickle the funnybone of his audiences, while amazingly picking the pockets of his unknowing volunteers, solidified his desire to pursue a career as a stand-up comedian.

His comedy career truly ignited while performing at a Southern California Comedy Club. By the second night, he was asked, by the club owner, to close the show for the remainder of the week. He became a favorite at clubs all over Southern California and then, decided to take his show on the road. He has been touring, ever since, as a headliner in 48 of the 50 United States. His appearances on several national television shows have also added fuel to the fire of his very rapidly growing career. His non-stop, high energy show is filled with improvisation and audience participation. He is 100% clean and very animated, acting out a plethora of different characters. Standing ovations are a common occurrence at the conclusions of his shows.

With all of his success as a stand-up comedian, Brad has not forgotten his "magical roots." The close of his show is one of the most memorable of any performer and is the perfect ending to an evening of outrageous comedy.

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April 19th - 24th

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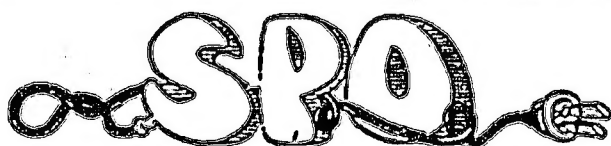
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Lady Mav infielder Denise Peterson lets a high and outside pitch slip by in a previous game.

—ED CARLSON

Lady Mavs score six road kills

By TIM ROHWER

It was easy pickings for the UNO softball team this past weekend, thanks in large part to Amy Pick.

The Lady Mavs won six games Saturday and Sunday to win the Loper Invitational at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

UNO, ranked No. 7 in the NCAA Division II, beat No. 15 Central Oklahoma University (COU) in the championship game, 9-2, with Pick, a senior from Omaha Central High, grabbing the win.

"Overall, they played good defense and hit the ball well," UNO Coach Mary Yori said of her team's performance. "Earlier in the season we were having trouble hitting so-called weaker pitchers, that is, pitchers that don't throw very fast. But now, we're hitting the ball well against every pitcher we're facing. We're hitting all kinds of pitching."

UNO opened the tournament by winning three games on Saturday. The Lady Mavs beat the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, 7-0, with freshman Denise Peterson throwing a one-hitter.

"She threw hard and kept the batters off balance," Yori said of Peterson.

UNO then beat Regis University of Colorado, 11-0, with senior Amy Boyd throwing a two-hitter.

Pick and junior infielder Deb Baetsle highlighted the Mavs' hitting performance with back-to-back home runs in the fourth inning of that game.

The Lady Mavs concluded Saturday's action by beating Wayne State College, 9-0, with Pick throwing a three-hitter.

UNO opened Sunday's action with a 4-1 victory against Adams State College of Colorado. Pick not only pitched the victory, but also contributed a key hit in the third inning.

The Lady Mavs scored all four runs in the third when sophomore shortstop Dianhann

Armstrong singled, then scored on a triple by senior catcher Val Upenieks. Pick then doubled home Upenieks for what turned out to be the winning run. Hits by junior infielder Michala Lehotak and sophomore outfielder Nikki Zielic added two insurance runs.

UNO beat UNK in Sunday's second game, 13-6. Boyd pitched four innings to earn the win with Pick pitching two innings for the save. Two triples by Baetsle highlighted the Mavs' hitting.

In the championship game against COU, Upenieks' bases-loaded double in the third inning scoring three runs was the spark that propelled the Mavs to the easy victory. Pick also hit a two-run homer in the contest.

With her three victories in the tournament, Pick raised her season to 14-2. Boyd raised her season mark to 10-2 with her two victories. UNO's team record stands at 26-4 heading into Wednesday's doubleheader against the University of South Dakota at Westgate/Claussen Field.

Sports Shorts

Boys Town wrestler becomes a Maverick

Two-time state Class B wrestling champion Mike Jackson from Boys Town High School has signed a national letter of intent to attend UNO next fall, Mav Wrestling Coach Mike Denney said Friday.

Jackson is the first UNO wrestling recruit this spring.

"He could make an impact immediately in the North Central Conference and NCAA Division II," Denney said of Jackson. "He's a tremendous young man, a good student and a fine athlete."

Jackson, a native of Denver, Colo., was 35-0 as a senior with 31 pins while claiming his second-straight 171-lb. state championship. He was 29-1 as a junior and 20-10 as a sophomore for Boys Town. Of his 84 high school wins, 72 were by falls.

Jackson twice was named Boys Town's outstanding wrestler and an academic all-state selection. He is also a USA freestyle state champion and claimed 20 high school tournament titles during his career.

Denney said Jackson will compete at 167 lbs. for the Mavericks.

Omaha Royals announce special events series

Omaha Royals officials have announced a series of special events for this season.

According to Rob Goodman, public relations director, The Oak Ridge Boys will perform May 28 following that evening's game between the Royals and the Iowa Cubs. The game is scheduled to begin at 6:05 p.m.

An oldies concert, featuring Chubby Checker, The Turtles and Mark Lindsay, is scheduled for July 25 following that day's game between the Royals and Indianapolis. That game is set to begin at 2:05 p.m.

All tickets for these two game-concert events are \$10 each.

The annual game with the parent club, the Kansas City Royals, will be played May 10, starting at 6:05 p.m. Ticket prices for this exhibition game range from \$5 to \$8.

Tickets can be purchased at the Royals Rosenblatt Stadium Ticket Office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. All Omaha-area Shopko and Ticketmaster locations also sell tickets to Royals' events.

Vondras wins two events at Doane Relays meet

UNO outdoor track team member Linda Vondras won two events at the Doane Relays in Crete, Neb., Saturday.

Vondras won the 100-meter race in 12.30 seconds and the 200-meter race with a time of 25.85 seconds.

The Lady Mavs also finished first in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 9:35.1 minutes.

No team scoring was kept.

In other UNO performances: Kim Osler finished third in the 200-meters race; Barb Keefover finished second in the 800-meter event; and Vondras finished fourth in the long jump event.

Mavs catch Chiefs, win two

By TIM ROHWER

The UNO baseball team opened North Central Conference play on a winning note Sunday, sweeping a doubleheader against Morningside College.

The visiting Mavs beat the Chiefs of Sioux City, Iowa, 2-1 and 4-3.

In the first game, a key hit by sophomore infielder Mike Sullivan and a strong performance by senior pitcher Don Karbowski propelled the Mavs to the come-from-behind victory.

"Don pitched a real good game," said UNO Coach Bob Gates. "He had eight strikeouts and gave up only four hits. He mixed things up well."

With UNO trailing 1-0 in the fifth

inning, Sullivan hit a double that scored two runs to provide the winning margin. The win was Karbowski's fourth this year.

"We only got three hits in that first game, but they were timely hits," Gates said.

The Mavs jumped to a 4-0 lead in the second game before the Chiefs came back to make a game of it.

The big inning for UNO turned out to be the third. With the Mavs leading 1-0, senior infielder Jay Maia opened that inning by reaching second on a single and a Morningside error.

One out later, junior infielder Todd Moffett singled to score Maia. Senior outfielder Tim

Meyer doubled to send Moffett to third base. Moffett then scored on a sacrifice fly by senior first baseman Jeff Gordon.

The Mavs scored what turned out to be

the winning run in the fifth on Moffett's double, a single by Meyer and a sacrifice fly by Gordon.

Morningside made UNO nervous in the seventh inning. Trailing 4-2, the Chiefs came within one run after catcher Steve Drent doubled home a runner. Mavs freshman reliever Troy Charf, though, got the next batters out to seal the victory.

Charf came into the game in the fifth inning after starter Joe Deutsch ran out of gas. Deutsch, though, was credited with the win. The Mavs also had eight hits in the contest.

The Mavs improved their record to 12-7, while Morningside fell to 13-7.

UNO's next doubleheader is Wednesday at Wayne State College. The Mavs return home Thursday for a doubleheader against the University of Nebraska at Kearney at 5 p.m. at College World Series Park.



Karbowski

Maverick offense clicks in scrimmage

By TIM ROHWER

The offense made five touchdowns at Saturday's UNO football scrimmage, scoring some points in the admiration of Coach Tom Mueller.

"The offense was very consistent in all positions," Mueller said. "The backs ran very hard, the quarterbacks made good decisions, the receivers caught the ball well. It was very consistent as far as performing, and they didn't make any mental mistakes."

The offense rolled up 402 total yards, with the running game accounting for 237 of those yards. All five touchdowns were scored on running plays, with the longest being 15 yards by senior Lamont White.

Sophomore Maurad Cave led the rushing attack, carrying the ball 10 times for 80 yards and one touchdown.

"Maurad is an awfully fine athlete. He ran tough and got yardage after that first hit," Mueller said.

At quarterback, former Papillion-LaVista High School All-State quarterback Jason Cahill completed six of nine passes for 82 yards, while sophomore Josh Luedike completed six of 10 passes for 52 yards.

"Jason is an excellent athlete who's got a lot of skills. He's the all-time passing leader in Nebraska high schools," Mueller said of Cahill, who was redshirted last season because of an injury and will be a sophomore next year.

"And Josh has been consistent. He's making the right decisions and is getting more confidence in the offensive

Omaha Creighton Prep, scoring on a one-yard blast up the middle.

Even though the offense shined for most of the 75-minute scrimmage, Mueller still had praise for the defense and the entire team's overall attitude.

"On defense, we put some new things in and maybe they were thinking too much. They were like the offense in last week's scrimmage. When things broke down, it was usually just one player. The defense is getting good."

"The enthusiasm has been good. The players have been so receptive to coaching, especially in light of the bad weather we've been having. The whole team has gotten better every day," Mueller said.

The team has not suffered many injuries during the spring season so far, he added. Only two players, sophomore center John Coniglio, who broke his hand earlier in the spring, and junior linebacker Kirk Peterson, who had surgery on his knee, are definitely out for the remainder of the spring.

The Mavs will close spring practice with a final scrimmage on Friday. If weather causes it to be postponed, the scrimmage will be played on Saturday, Mueller said.

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—Tom Mueller, UNO football coach

strategy," Muller said of Luedike.

He called the battle for the top quarterback position between Cahill and Luedike a "two-horse race."

Of the five touchdowns, three were scored by White on runs of two, two and 15 yards. Cave's score came on a six-yard dash with Shane McClanahan, a senior-to-be from

Young netters fill Fieldhouse

Volleyballs filled the air in the Fieldhouse Sunday as 32 teams with approximately 325 athletes competed in the Great Plains Junior Olympic Regional Championships of the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA).

The teams were high school and grade school athletes, most of them girls, who competed in three age groups, from 14-years-old and under, to 18, said Rose Shires, UNO volleyball coach.

UNO was one of four sites in the Omaha area which hosted Sunday's championships, she added.

While most of the teams were from the Omaha area, Shires said some came from central and western Nebraska.

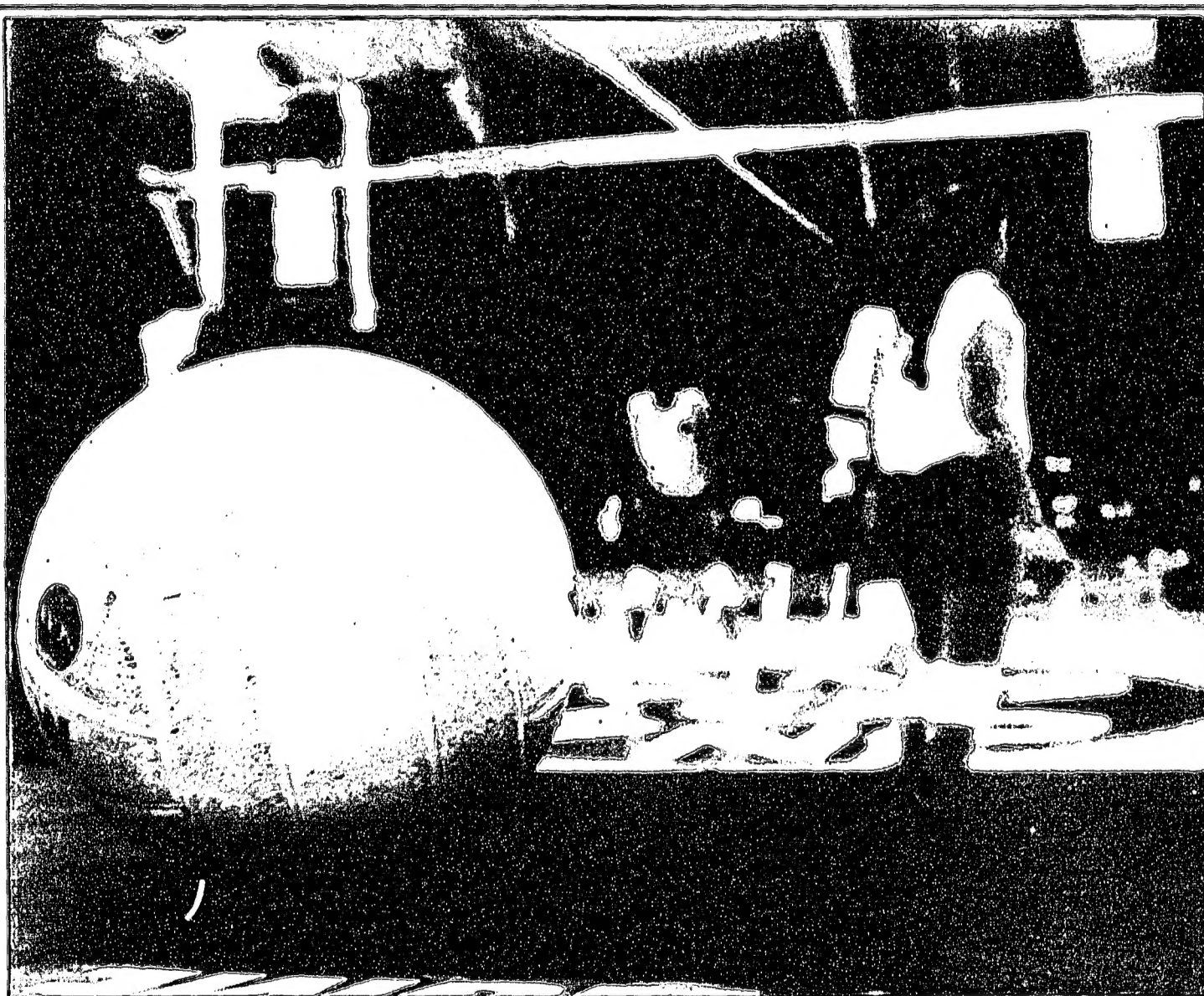
"There are teams here from Hastings, Norfolk, Ogallala and Gering," she said Sunday during the event.

This was not the first time UNO hosted such an event, Shires said.

"This was our eighth volleyball tournament in the Fieldhouse this spring," she said.

The teams that won their age bracket or finished high enough to qualify for the national tournament were River City from the Millard area, Sports Courts from Lincoln, Ogallala Youth Program, North Central and the Papillion Volleyball Club, a boys team.

Those teams will play in the national USVBA tournament in Kansas City, Mo., in late June.



The Fieldhouse was the site for last weekend's Great Plains Junior Olympic Regional Championships.

—Ed Carlson

Yes, there is something to do in Omaha

"Do you believe in miracles? Yes. Yes."

ABC sports commentator Al Michaels cried out those words after the U.S. Hockey team upset the invincible Soviet team, 4-3 in the 1980 Winter Olympics.

Fast forward to last Friday night in Rapid City, S.D. The Omaha Racers upset the invincible Rapid City Thrillers in game five of the National Conference finals.

Sure, the win didn't take the country by storm, but it was as miraculous. Not only did the Racers advance to the Continental Basketball Association finals, they also probably ensured another year in Omaha.

This should be good news to everyone who complains that there's never anything to do in Omaha. This should be considered good news to the city in general. Losing a sports franchise because of low attendance keeps prospective sporting events from coming to the Big O.

There are some people who would rather see the Racers take a one way ticket out of town. They would even be willing to help the Racers pack their bags. It's none other

than those lovable Lancer fans.

The debate raging between Racer and Lancer fans has heated up again as the sides argue over who's better.

Lancer fans hate the Racers because: basketball is boring, owner Steve Idelman is a bozo, they never sell out or offer cheap beer to fans, and the fans are elitist.

MICHAEL MESSERLY sports columnist

Racer fans hate the Lancers because: hockey is a Communist sport, owner Ted Baer is a bozo, it's impossible to see the Lancers thanks to all the drunks who hog the tickets, and the fans are elitist.

They talk alike, they walk alike, sometimes they even cheer alike. What a crazy pair.

There are some differences between the two teams

besides the sport they play, but is it really worth arguing about?

The Lancers' success has been remarkable. It's hard to believe this is the same team that played to meager crowds at the Hitchcock ice arena.

Since then, the Lancers have won United States Hockey League titles, competed in three national championship tournaments, and have established a following usually reserved for rock stars.

The Racers haven't enjoyed as much success as the Lancers, but they've still been successful. The Racers have never had a losing season since coming to Omaha. Two former Racers, Jim Les and Tim Legler, are playing in the National Basketball Association.

However, the Racers have always struggled to attract the crowds necessary to keep the team financially stable. Idelman is threatening to put the brakes on the Racers if

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Walkers fill Fieldhouse for Lady Mavs

By TIM ROHWER

An estimated \$86,000 was raised Saturday at the eighth annual Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk for women's athletics.

About 900 women participated in the event, which raises money for scholarships and travel expenses for UNO's female athletes.

"This is terrific," said Connie Claussen, UNO assistant athletic director. "Last year, we raised about \$86,000, so we're right on target."

Rainy weather forced the walk to be held in the Fieldhouse instead of the track around the football field where it is usually held.

"I'm really happy with the turnout because of the weather, although I'm sure some people stayed home," Claussen said.

During the 30-minute walk, the participants were cheered on by male cheerleaders.

"I think we have about 36 cheerleaders, mostly of administrative, faculty and staff personnel," said Richard Flynn, dean of the College of Education and one of the cheerleaders. "We also have about six corporate executives as cheerleaders here."

Among the chief executive officers of various local corporations who participated were Sandy Dodge of the N.P. Dodge Company, Dennis O'Neal of the First National Bank and Steve Idelman of Idelman Telemarketing Company, Flynn said.

"People are asking us to be cheerleaders and the women really appreciate us. After the event, we help serve food and coffee to the walkers," Claussen said.

Flan Flairty, senior vice president of First National Bank and chairperson of the walk, said interest in the event has grown in her company.

"Last year, we had 27 walkers and this year we had 54," she said.



—Ed Carlson

About 900 women participated in this year's Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk, which was held Saturday at the Fieldhouse.

For the last five years, the walk has been sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, which donates \$15,000 annually for a total of \$75,000 following this year's event, Claussen said.

"Pepsi is very supportive. They've done so much for us. They give the athletic department about \$25,000 a year. There isn't anyone around here that does that," she said.

The Diet Pepsi Women's Walk is the primary fundraiser for the women's athletic department, Claussen added. Since 1986, the event has raised a total of one-half million dollars for women's athletics.

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ticket sales don't improve.

Probably the biggest differences between the teams are the relationships of the fans with the players.

Lancer fans' deep emotional ties to the players is something unique to sports. The Lancers aren't just a pack of kids representing Omaha, they've been adopted as the city's little brothers. They're family.

The Racers lose so many players in a season, that it's almost impossible to have a favorite player, or even remember their names. Of the twelve players who were on

the Racers opening day roster, only two remain. Can you name them?

What both sides need to understand is it doesn't matter who has the biggest following or who wins the most games. What does matter is that Omaha must continue to support both franchises with equal enthusiasm.

Losing the Racers wouldn't benefit anyone, it would just leave Omahans with one less thing to do. Besides, with the popularity of basketball on the rise in Nebraska, thanks to Danny Nee's Huskers, many people would be wishing

they had the Racers back.

Lancer fans need to quit knocking the Racers and show up for a few games. I suspect many of the Lancer fans who criticize the Racers have probably never attended a game. It's beneath them.

Racer fans really need to back off when it comes to criticizing the Lancers. The Lancers will survive whether Racer fans support them or not. The same can't be said for the Racers.

Go Racers. Go Lancers. Go Omaha.

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